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LIBRARY HOURS**SUN.:****5-9 P.M.****MON. - THURS.:****8:30A.M.-10 P.M.****FRI. & SAT.:****8:30A.M.-5 P.M.****CLOSED:****LABOR DAY****9/6&7/98****THANKSGIVING****11/26-29/98****CHRISTMAS****12/24/98-1/3/99**

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New Look for Illinet Online

The University Library's library catalog, Illinet Online (IO), put on a new face this August. Users will immediately notice that the new IO is menu-navigated, somewhat like Windows. While some library patrons will find movement in this new environment easy, others will want a brief introduction to the features of this new system.

This fall library staff will offer one-hour workshops to GSU students, faculty, staff and community users in searching IO. Schedules of library online skills workshops are available in the library. Sign-up sheets for specific workshops are found at the Reference Desk. Class size is limited to 15 persons. Additional workshops are being offered in advanced Web searching, as well as searching online citation and full-text databases available on the GSU library's Web site (<http://www.govst.edu/library>).

On August 18 IO moved to the DRA Classic software platform. The holdings of 45 Illinois academic libraries that make up the membership of the ILC SO consortium were transferred

from the LCS software platform which was developed at Ohio State University in the late sixties and instituted at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign in the early seventies. Over the years, the software was further developed and upgraded to meet the increasing demands of the academic libraries. However, in the early nineties the leadership of the ILC SO consortium decided that the software had reached the limits of its ability to be adapted and sought a new software platform.

DRA, Data Research Associates, won the contract to develop a new library online catalog for the ILC SO consortium. DRA Classic is an interim step for IO until the new product — TAOS, which is now in beta testing, is ready. TAOS, the Web-based online library catalog being developed for the ILC SO consortium, will provide a graphical user interface similar to databases now found on the World Wide Web. Because the libraries' data is now adapted to the DRA environment, the move to TAOS will be expedited.

Library On-line Databases Anywhere

The University Library offers a number of citation and full-text online databases, which can be accessed on the Web by the GSU community from campus, home or office. GSU students and faculty can access IBIS and FirstSearch services through any ISP (Internet Service Provider) with the appropriate user identification and password.

For IBIS, users are prompted for their social security number without hyphens. As long as the user is a registered borrower with the University Library, the service will recognize an individual's social security number. To become a registered borrower, present a current GSU student or staff identification card at the library's Circulation Desk. For FirstSearch services the account number is 100-108-560, and the password is puff5teen.

IBIS contains a number of citation databases, such as ERIC — the major education-related citation database, CINAHL — the major nursing citation database, PsycINFO — the ma-

Words from the Library's Acting Director

Our mission at the GSU library is service. We hope this newsletter will help us serve you better by letting you know where we are, where we're going and how we plan to get there.

Some things in the library this fall will be the same; some will be different and some will be new. Our online catalog, Illinet Online (IO), is a good example of this. The catalog will still list what the library owns along with the holdings of 44 other primarily academic libraries in Illinois; however, what you see on the screen when you search will look different. And we have added three new IBIS databases: CINAHL, an index to nursing and allied health literature; BIP, a listing of all books currently in print and PAIS, an index to public affairs information. We're also increasing the number of IO terminals in the library and installing

new laser printers. The reference staff can help you use our new version of IO and all the IBIS databases.

We are adding to our current offerings several new online databases, both bibliographic and full-text, covering criminal justice, social work, legal reference, health sciences, trade and commerce and other specialized areas. Again the reference staff can help you use these new services.

Charging out books and other library materials will seem about the same, even though we are in the process of implementing a new circulation system. Some loan periods are changing, and interlibrary loan procedures will be different. The circulation staff would appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we learn the details of this new system. They will be happy to provide you with

information about how these changes will affect you.

All in all, this is a time of growth and transition in the library. The fall trimester will be our opportunity to put in place these new and improved reference and circulation systems. Please let us know how we can shape the library's resources to meet your needs.

Ann Glascoff was appointed acting library director in July 1998 by GSU President Paula Wolff. For many years Ann Glascoff served as head of technical services in the University Library, as well as head of the Government Documents Department and the university archives. She will lead the library until a permanent director is appointed. Ann Glascoff can be reached at 708/534-4110.

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***Ann Glascoff
Acting
Library Director***

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major psychology citation database, Books in Print — publication information on books, and the nine Wilson indexes on business, applied science and technology, social sciences, general science, biological and agricultural science, humanities, art, library

and popular interest (Readers Guide).

FirstSearch services provide ERIC, GPO — index to government publications, ABI-INFORM — index to topics on business, management and accounting, MEDLINE — the major medical citation database, as well as full-text arti-

cles in Electronic Collections Online, Wilson Select, Periodical Abstracts with full text, and Health Reference Center Academic. Many of the databases included in the FirstSearch services are provided to GSU through a grant from the Illinois State Library.

Online Library Databases Through ECN

The University Library offers a number of citation and full-text databases solely through ECN — the GSU Internet Service Provider (ISP). Why? These are databases for which the library provides paid access to GSU students, faculty and staff. While the community may use these databases at the University Library, only GSU students, alumni, faculty

and staff who access the Web through ECN are able to make use of these databases from home. Student technology fees are used to pay the annual subscription fees.

Currently, the only way that the library can limit the use of these databases to the GSU community is by restricting access through ECN.

Acting library director Ann Glascoff is working with ITS to develop user identification/password access similar to the procedures now used with IBIS and FirstSearch services. Members of the GSU commu-

nity could then use any ISP, but their user ID and password would be identical to that of their ECN unix account. Implementing user ID/password access to these online databases is a top priority for the library administration.

Academic Universe provides access to a wide range of news, business, legal, accounting and reference information, while *Congressional Universe* gives comprehensive access to U.S. legislative information from Congressional Information Service. *Disclosure* contains business and financial information, as does the *National Trade DataBank*. Archival and current tax research information are found in *RIA*. *STAT-USA* provides statistical information. Research information for academic scholarship can be located in *Electric Library* and *InfoTrac Search Bank*. Full text articles in science, business, and psychology from Academic Press journals are found in *IDEAL*, while full text articles in the humanities, social sciences and mathematics from journals of the John

Hopkins Press are in *Project Muse*. *Silverplatter* accesses *MLA International Bibliography* for languages and literature, *Criminal Justice Abstracts* and *Social Work Abstracts*. *Newspaper Abstracts* provides citations and summaries of articles in major national newspapers, including the *Chicago Tribune*. Finally, *UnCover Gateway* indexes over 14,000 popular academic journals.

This fall library staff will be offering library online skills workshops to introduce GSU students, faculty, staff and community users to searching some of these online citation and full text databases. Schedules are available in the University Library. Sign-up sheets are located at the Reference Desk; class size is limited to 15 persons.

Connectivity to ECN questions should be directed to the Academic Computing Services Labs 708/534-5000, Ext.5370.

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Library Staff in the Spotlight

Bell Installed as Secretary of COLT

Susan Bell, library technical assistant III in the Catalog Department of the GSU Library, was elected as secretary of the Council on Library/Media Technicians (COLT), a national group for library support staff affiliated with the

American Library Association. Her term extends through the 2000 convention to be held here in Chicago. Bell has been active in COLT for several years, serving on the Constitution Committee, Registration Committee for the Portland Oregon convention in 1996, as well as the 1998 convention held in

Washington, D.C., at the end of June. She is also a member of the Awards Committee for the group, a committee that selects annual Support Staff Person of the Year and Supporter of Support Staff of the Year. She is serving on a task force to recruit new members and foster relationships with Local COLT Chapters. While

Library Liaisons to the University

Eight library faculty serve the students and faculty of the university. Each library faculty member is assigned to provide special service to particular programs in the university. Not only do they provide group and individual instruction in information access, but they also build the library's collections in their subject areas. When confronted with library information access needs, please contact the library liaison associated with your program.

Beth Hansen- Shaw
Accounting/Finance/
Economics, Psychology/
Counseling, and library and
general reference.

Nancy Shlaes
Chemistry, Computer Science,
and Environmental Biology.

Lydia Morrow Ruetten
Marketing.

Mari Ellen Leverence
Addictions Studies, Manage-
ment, Public Administration
and Social Work.

Diane Dates Casey

Communication Studies,
Criminal Justice, Fine and
Performing Arts, English, Hu-
manities, Political Science
and Social Studies.

Linda Geller
Education and Community
Users.

Colleen Waltman
Communication Disorders,
Health Administration, Nurs-
ing, Occupational Therapy,
Physical Therapy and Dis-
tance Education.

Ying Liang (temporary)
Law and government docu-
ments.

Linda Geller and Colleen
Waltman join the library fac-
ulty this fall. Professor Geller
began on September 1, while
Professor Waltman starts on
October 1.

New Loan Periods

With new Illinet Online has
come new circulation loan
periods. General circulating
materials in the books, docu-
ments, audio compact disc and
CD-ROM collections will cir-
culate 16 weeks to GSU fac-
ulty and staff, 8 weeks to GSU
students, alumni and other IO
member libraries, and 4 weeks
to community members with
Suburban Library System
cards. These materials are
renewable if no other patron
has requested them. Educa-
tion Materials Center items
circulate 4 weeks to all pa-
trons, but cannot be renewed.
Videos circulate 2 weeks to
faculty only.

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attending the 1998 convention,
she was part of a panel discus-
sion on "Diversity in Libraries:
Problems and Solutions."

Susan has been an
employee of GSU for more
than 11 years, and currently
resides with her daughter in
Oak Forest. She is also a
graduate of GSU, receiving her
degree with honors in 1993.

Bendoraitis Receives Up- grade

Maureen Bendoraitis received
an upgrade from library tech-
nical assistant III to micro
computer support specialist II.
She worked closely with ITS
staff in setting up the public
terminals for Illinet Online,

the library's online catalog,
which requires an NT operat-
ing system to function. In ad-
dition, Bendoraitis serves as
the HTML programmer for the
library's Web site.